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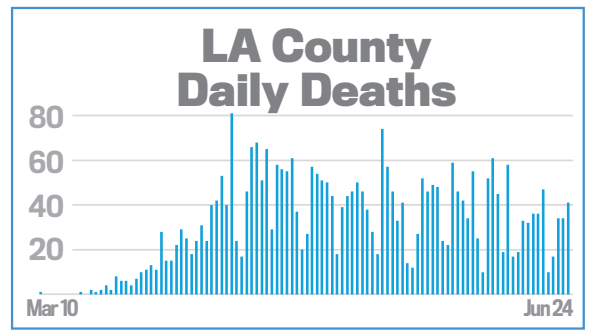
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31.4	32.1	14.5	37.2	6.5

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Residents identify "Hate Speech" around Santa Monica

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

It's been about a week since Santa Monica residents gathered to speak against injustices in the community, but locals have discovered swastikas, a vandalized Pride flag and white paint that was used to deface multiple Black Lives Matters murals throughout the city, sparking concerns of hate speech in the community.

Last Friday, hundreds of demonstrators marched down Pico Boulevard from Virginia Avenue Park to City Hall in an effort to celebrate Juneteenth and speak against the injustices they've experienced in Santa Monica and abroad. The demonstration began around noon, only half-an-hour before Allison Miller found a swastika and other symbols on a poster located near Olympic and 11th Avenue.

"I was driving and I could see it from the street so I immediately made a U-turn

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Courtesy photos

HATE: Locals have seen several examples of hate speech in the past few weeks.

Local Entrepreneur dies at 48

ROSS FURUKAWA
SMDP Publisher

Local entrepreneur, extreme sportsman and original Dogtown local Mike Vaughan passed away suddenly on June 18th. He was 48 years old.

A third generation Santa Monican, Mike attended Grant Elementary, John Adams Middle School and Santa Monica High School. Many locals knew the Vaughan family, they owned DSJ Printers on Pico Blvd for many years.

Mike started his printing career at DSJ, then launched his own printing company, Positive Existence Printers. Mike built Positive Existence to become an industry leader, printing movie posters, point of purchase displays and many of the billboards you see throughout Los Angeles.



Courtesy photo

MIKE VAUGHAN

Mike served on the boards of the

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Former City Manager opposes Plaza project

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Former City Manager Rick Cole is advocating for Council to abandon current plans for a large-scale development on city owned property downtown and instead is advising City Hall to pursue a new idea with more housing and less office space.

Cole left his position as City

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Malibu

Celebrate Parks and Recreation Month in Malibu

Community Services Department invites you to celebrate Parks and Recreation Month during the month of July by safely visiting City parks and participating in virtual activities.

Parks and Recreation Month is an initiative of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), and you can participate in the nationwide campaign to raise awareness for and appreciation of the valuable contributions that parks and recreation programs make to communities. Throughout the month, the City will offer a variety of virtual programs available for residents of all demographics and abilities that encourage physical activity, provide nutrition education, self-care tips, creative social interaction, and additional resources for high-risk populations.

"Many people don't realize what an integral part of our daily lives, happy childhoods, and fond memories are made possible by parks and recreation programs and the caring, hardworking people who create them," said Mayor Karen Farrer. "This July, please enjoy the Community Services Department's incredible range of high-quality virtual activities, which offer important ways to stay healthy, happy, engaged, and entertained while safe at home during the pandemic."

Malibu parks and recreation professionals will also offer a flashback on the many fun and interactive programs that the City has provided in the past and reflect on the essential role the Department fulfills. The City encourages community members to share why they believe parks and recreation is essential with the hashtag #WeAreParksAndRec.

To learn more about Park and Recreation Month, visit MalibuCity.org/PRMonth and www.nrpa.org/July. Follow the Community Services Department on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for updates and activities.

SUBMITTED BY MATT MYERHOFF

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA

NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Santa Monica on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the following officers:

For four (4) members of the City Council	Full term of four (4) years
For one (1) member of the City Council	Partial term of two (2) years
For two (2) members of the Rent Control Board	Full term of four (4) years
For three (3) members of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education	Full term of four (4) years
For three (3) members of the Santa Monica Community College District Board of Trustees	Full term of four (4) years

The Nomination Period for these offices begins on July 13, 2020, and closes on August 7, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. A live Candidate Teleconference Training will be held on July 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. and potential candidates are encouraged to contact the City Clerk's Office to schedule an appointment to pick up Nomination Petitions. Meeting and appointment information will be posted at www.smvote.org on Friday, July 10, 2020.

If Nomination Papers for an incumbent officer are not filed by August 7, 2020, the voters shall have until the 83rd day before the election, August 12, 2020, to nominate candidates other than the person who is the incumbent, for that incumbent's elective office.

If no one or only one person is nominated for an elective office, appointment to the elective office may be made as prescribed by Section 10229, Elections Code of the State of California.

The polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

/s/ Denise Anderson-Warren, City Clerk

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

Man Sentenced for Fleeing Police During 80-Mile Chase

A man was sentenced yesterday to three years in state prison for leading police on a pursuit covering about 80 miles in which a scooter rider was injured, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Eva Stodel said Karl Flores, 35, of Inglewood pleaded no contest last December to one felony count of fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle causing serious bodily injury.

On Jan. 3, 2019, Flores fled from Culver City police as they attempted to make a traffic stop, the prosecutor said. During the pursuit, the defendant crashed into a man riding a scooter and ran him over in the Playa del Rey area, the prosecutor added. The victim suffered a broken ankle and other injuries.

Two police patrol vehicles were damaged during the pursuit. Flores was apprehended after a standoff in Oceanside, the prosecutor said.

Case SA102764 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

SUBMITTED BY RICARDO SANTIAGO

Los Angeles

L.A. County budget includes program cuts and potential layoffs

In the wake of the unprecedented economic crisis sparked by COVID-19, Los Angeles County's 2020-21 Final Changes budget includes a wide range of curtailments affecting virtually every County department.

The $34.9 billion budget, which will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for budget deliberations on Monday, June 29, represents some of the most challenging fiscal decisions in recent County history.

The cuts are needed to address a projected $935.3 million budget gap, mostly due to sharp revenue declines at the same time the County also is investing in major response and reopening activities to support its communities during the pandemic.

"I am very disappointed to report that significant cuts in County programs and personnel will be needed as a result of the serious economic downturn caused by this ongoing public health emergency," said Chief Executive Officer Sachi A. Hamai. "This is not the outcome any of us wants to see, especially as our County staff continues to serve with great commitment during this crisis. I want to wholeheartedly thank our more than 100,000 employees for their incredible dedication to public service at this difficult time."

She expressed hope that the cuts can be mitigated in the Supplemental Budget, which will be submitted to the Board in September.

"This budget marks a point in time, not the finish line," Hamai said. "I remain hopeful that we will be able to obtain additional funding from Washington and Sacramento, and we also continue to work with labor on cost-saving measures that could help preserve jobs."

The cuts in the proposed budget include $453.5 million in departmental curtailments and $59.3 million in management cost reductions. To bridge the gap, the budget will also draw on $351.6 million in one-time funding from departmental trust accounts.

An estimated $70.9 million drop in Measure H sales tax revenues will be offset with state Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program funding of $22.6 million, with other sources of funding expected to be identified in the Supplemental Budget.

Overall, the proposed departmental curtailments result in the elimination of 3,251 positions–2,596 vacant and 655 potential layoffs. No layoffs would take place prior to October 1.

The proposed curtailments represent an across-the-board cut of 8% for departments funded with what is known as Net County Cost, or NCC–the portion of the budget that is funded with sales tax and other locally generated revenues.

Because the largest share–40%–of NCC goes to the County's public safety departments, including the Sheriff's Department, these departments are most heavily affected by the cuts. These departments also receive a large share of the state realignment sales tax revenues, which have declined sharply as well.

"These proposed cuts are not intended to penalize any department, or to diminish the importance of their work," Hamai said. "Rather, these curtailments are part of an equitable process of cost reductions that will affect all County departments.

"Thanks to our County's long-standing tradition of responsible budgeting, historically high credit ratings, and investments in rainy day reserves, we are in a better position than some other local governments to respond to this crisis," Hamai said. "Los Angeles County has always been able to overcome every challenge in our path, and I am confident we can emerge from this crisis stronger than ever to serve the vibrant and diverse communities that make up our great County."

SUBMITTED BY COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE



DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 257 CALLS ON JUNE 25

Report Of Shots Fired 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 12:29 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 100blk Santa Monica Pl 1:47 a.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 2700blk The Beach 3:24 a.m.
Construction Noise 800blk Colorado Ave 5:07 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2200blk Virginia Ave 5:25 a.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 6:08 a.m.
Elder Abuse 800blk 2nd St 6:31 a.m.
Elder Abuse 800blk 2nd St 6:31 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1100blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:57 a.m.
Battery Report Moomat Ahiko Way / Ocean Ave 7:19 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500blk Ocean Ave 7:36 a.m.
Violation Of Temporary No Parking Signs 900blk 12th St 8:07 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1000blk 6th St 8:20 a.m.
Fraud Report 1800blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:24 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Report 2400blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:31 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Just Occurred 25th St / Ashland Ave 8:36 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 12th St / Wilshire Blvd 9:32 a.m.
Bike Theft Report 1100blk 23rd St 9:36 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 900blk 6th St 9:38 a.m.
Found Property 1400blk 2nd St 9:44 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report Longfellow St / Navy St 9:53 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2800blk Pico Blvd 10:11 a.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk Olympic Blvd 10:18 a.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order In Progress 600blk Pacific St 10:34 a.m.
Burglary Report 100blk Bay St 10:42 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:50 a.m.
Found Property Barnard Way / Hollister Ave 10:59 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 3rd Street Prom / Broadway 11:09 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold Lincoln Blvd / Wilshire Blvd 11:12 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Temescal Cyn / Pacific Coast Hwy 11:26 a.m.
Found Property 700blk 18th St 11:30 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 1500blk 7th St 11:42 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300blk Centinela Ave 11:44 a.m.
Found Property 1300blk 2nd St 11:51 a.m.
General Parking Problem 500blk Alta Ave 11:54 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1200blk 23rd St 11:55 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1300blk 2nd St 11:58 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 900blk 5th St 12:16 p.m.
Rape Report 2100blk Delaware Ave 12:32 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1300blk Montana Ave 1:00 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 800blk Yale St 1:04 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2300blk 2nd St 1:21 p.m.
Fraud Report 2800blk Colorado Ave 1:23 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2900blk Neilson Way 1:57 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 2:05 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1300blk 2nd St 2:13 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1300blk 2nd St 2:20 p.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 2:33 p.m.
Missing Person 300blk Olympic Dr 2:33 p.m.
Bomb Threat 300blk Santa Monica Pier 2:39 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 2000blk Ocean Ave 2:44 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Neilson Way / Ocean Park Blvd 2:52 p.m.
Battery Report 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 3:04 p.m.
Stalking Report 200blk Broadway 3:10 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:15 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:17 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred Ocean Ave / Idaho Ave 3:18 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1000blk 2nd St 3:30 p.m.
Public Intoxication 300blk Arizona Ave 3:35 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1400blk 19th St 3:46 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1100blk 21st St 3:58 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report Longfellow St / Navy St 4:07 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 1000blk Washington Ave 4:17 p.m.
Burglary Report 1100blk 6th St 4:49 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1600blk Ocean Ave 5:06 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 800blk Lincoln Blvd 5:27 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2600blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:37 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Report 800blk Broadway 5:43 p.m.
Panhandling 1600blk Ocean Park Blvd 5:48 p.m.
Fight 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 5:53 p.m.
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Drinking In Public 2800blk Kansas Ave 7:36 p.m.
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Exhibition Of Speed Chelsea Ave / Arizona Ave 8:33 p.m.
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Battery Just Occurred 2400blk Ocean Front Walk 8:38 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1400blk 2nd St 8:40 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 8:49 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 5th St / Wilshire Blvd 11:03 p.m.
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Automatic Alarm 200blk 25th St 7:35 a.m.
EMS 2400blk Arizona Ave 8:08 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200blk Franklin St 9:00 a.m.
EMS 1800blk 16th St 9:37 a.m.
EMS 100blk Marguerita Ave 9:46 a.m.
EMS 1400blk Ocean Ave 9:52 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Arizona Ave 10:10 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Ocean Ave 10:20 a.m.
EMS 200blk Montana Ave 10:44 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 10:48 a.m.
EMS 400blk Wilshire Blvd 11:27 a.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 500blk Pier Ave 11:43 a.m.
EMS 1100blk Arizona Ave 1:49 p.m.
EMS 2700blk Main St 2:17 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Neilson Way / Ocean Park Blvd 2:52 p.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Hill St 3:12 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 3:26 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200blk 15th St 3:50 p.m.
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EMS 1300blk Franklin St 8:57 p.m.
Transformer Fire 3000blk 18th St 9:14 p.m.
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EMS 1500blk 2nd St 11:10 p.m.

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NOTIFICACION DE LA ELECCIÓN

POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO de que se habrá de llevar a cabo una Elección Municipal General en la Ciudad de Santa Monica el martes, 3 de noviembre de 2020, para los siguientes funcionarios:

Para cuatro (4) miembros del Concejo Municipal	Período completo de cuatro (4) años
Para un (1) miembro del Concejo Municipal	Período parcial de dos (2) años
Para dos (2) miembros de la Junta del Control de Alquileres	Período completo de cuatro (4) años
Para tres (3) miembros del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Santa Mónica-Malibu	Período completo de cuatro (4) años
Para tres (3) miembros de la Junta de Síndicos del distrito de la comunidad universitaria de Santa Mónica	Período completo de cuatro (4) años

El período de nominación para estas oficinas comienza el 13 de julio de 2020 y cierra el 7 de agosto de 2020 a las 5:00 p.m. El 13 de julio de 2020 a las 10:00 a.m. se llevará a cabo en vivo una Teleconferencia para informar a los candidatos potenciales y se les alienta a comunicarse con la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal para programar una cita para recoger las Peticiones de Nominación. La información de la reunión y la cita se publicará en www.smvote.org el viernes 10 de julio de 2020.

Si los papeles de nominación para un oficial titular no son presentados para el 7 de agosto de 2020, los votantes tendrán hasta 83 días antes de la elección, el 12 de agosto de 2020, para nominar otros candidatos que no sean la persona que es el titular, para la oficina electiva del titular.

Si no se nomina a nadie o solamente a una persona para un cargo electivo, se puede realizar el nombramiento al cargo elegido según lo prescrito por la Sección 10229 del Código Electoral del Estado de California.

Los centros electorales estarán abiertos entre las 7:00 am. y 8:00 pm.

/f/ Denise Anderson-Warren, Secretaria Municipal



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By Michael Feinstein

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Public Safety Reform for Santa Monica? Not If, But When and How

Ignited by the now infamous death of African-American man George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25 — where video captured by a bystander seems to indicate Floyd's death was caused by a police officer's knee on his neck until Floyd could no longer breath — calls have swept the nation for a rethinking of the role of police and how we promote public safety.

How will this play out in Santa Monica, if at all? Based upon recent City Council meetings, there are strong indications that our City Government is a willing participant on that path - and that our Interim City Manager Lane Dilg gets it and is thinking strategically to help ensure it happens.

At last Tuesday's City Council meeting, several community members made eloquent and passionate appeals to redirect funding from the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD), towards non-policing forms of public safety and community support, including social services, housing, and other community resources. This was all in the context of passing revisions to the City's 2019-2021 biennial budget, made to address the City's major budget deficits resulting from the COVID-19 public health and related economic crisis.

In that budget, while funding for many City services were significantly cut back or eliminated, the SMPD's proposed budget was increased 0.6% from last year (aside from an additional one-time expense to move the Office of Emergency Management from the City Manager's office to the SMPD.) Watching the Council meeting, the logical question was "would the Council respond to local community members and the national 'defund police' debate to ask for redistributive cuts to the SMPD budget right there and then?"

Complicating the issue was that California state law requires cities (and other local government agencies) to pass a balanced budget by June 30, the end of the state's fiscal year. In a perfect world, if a substantial refocusing of public resources was an identified public priority, the City Council would give direction to City Staff at the beginning of a regular two-year biennial budget cycle to identify cuts and different investments. But with the Floyd death happening less than a month before the Council's June 23 final budget revision approvals, this wasn't the ideal time frame or context everyone was operating in.

Deftly stepping into this void, Dilg announced that she was planning to convene a Santa Monica Public Safety Reform Advisory Committee that would "facilitate a community input process and review local, regional, and national proposals advocating for changes to policing and the ways that cities conceive of and allocate funds to achieve public safety."

By suggesting such a robust process, Dilg put on the table that Santa Monica would take this issue seriously. At the same time, she successfully walked the fine line between being preeminently proactive in her role as Interim City Manager, but without appearing as the 'eighth council member' — a long-time expression by City Hall insiders and others in our community about when any City Manager appears to have forgotten the line between where their job ends and the job of the Councilmembers begins.

Dilg accomplished this by saying to the Council that they clearly could choose to authorize changes to the budget right there and then, or they could wait a few months and be informed by this community input process. Her suggestion didn't come across as subtly manipulative, but instead as genuine. It was also timely, because even for Councilmembers who might have wanted to move more quickly, 'what specifically did you want to cut and where did you want to redirect it?' These are substantial questions that merit substantial analysis.

As a result of Dilg's intervention, Council members felt free to explore with City Staff how the budget could be easily amended during the course of the upcoming fiscal year, in response to input from that community process. This was one of those moments where time stopped and everyone needed to be 'real'. Dilg and the Council passed the test, because they committed to a serious, inclusive public process on re-envisioning public safety for our community, without grandstanding on an issue of such importance, in order to make a flashy headline about making immediate cuts.

Dilg had a few options on how the advisory committee could be filled. She chose a model where she would appoint the members and they would make recommendations to her, which would then inform her recommendations to the Council. This was astute because it helped meet the urgency of the moment and depoliticized the process.

Traditionally when the Council makes appointments to a temporary committee, first there has to be an agendized item at a Council meeting where the Council chooses from among different models of how many committee positions should be appointed and from what parts of the community; then begins a public application process, then comes an unavoidably politicized process where the Council makes those appointments.

All of this is bypassed by Dilg's approach, which will get the advisory committee up and

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Letter to the Editor

By Virginia Kovner — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Where's the Library

Editor:

As an As-Needed Librarian in Public Services and Youth Services for over 20 years at SMPL, now on unpaid leave, I read with deep sadness and a heavy heart my LOL colleagues' heartfelt messages to the City. These dedicated and talented professionals, some of the finest people I have ever known and worked with, deserved better. The City's sudden and drastic cuts to the Library staff and budget, due not only to COVID-19 but to ongoing financial mismanagement, were stunning and have resulted in a tremendous loss to the City and its residents. The Library was not only home to staff but to countless Santa Monica families, as well.

Furthermore, the decimation of Youth Services is particularly shocking and short-sighted. Besides promoting literacy and the pleasures of reading, research and experience both have shown that a healthy democracy needs literate adults who can evaluate and understand history and current information. Children who come to the library become educated, adult library patrons. This is our future.

To my knowledge, no other library system in Los Angeles, albeit facing serious budget cuts, has suffered comparable cuts to library staff. I believe with a more conscious awareness of community well-being and with some creativity and compromise, our jobs and services could have been preserved. The remaining SMPL library staff faces a daunting task - continue to offer programs and learning opportunities, maintain subject collections, provide outreach, answer individual queries, sort and shelve books, and the list goes on - with half the staff necessary to do the job. With the present cuts to staff, it is doubtful that many of these services can be maintained.

The buildings are there, but where is the Library?

Virginia Kovner

Letter to the Editor

By Stephanie Berman — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

The Public Library

Editor:

Our public library — so valued for what a public library system offers: Endless books, periodicals and video material free to anyone within the library and to any city resident to borrow (as well as countless free educational and entertaining events) — has become dispensable, apparently. Due to the current crises in city funds, our libraries have been decided as not vital enough to keep intact. The value of a free library system seems integral to a well-rounded city and runs deep as an iconic environment and necessary service to many residents. Yes, it is a hard time for city budgets, but this is a shame.

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MIKE VAUGHAN

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Boys and Girls Clubs council and the Santa Monica YMCA.

In 2005, Mike started Pro Sup Shop with his then-partner Nikki Von Reisen, Ross Furukawa and his father, Mike Vaughan Sr. Through insight, hard work and a long term vision, Pro Sup Shop became the largest Santa Up Paddle board business in LA County, operating at Mother's Beach in Marina Del Rey.

Mike touched the lives of many through Pro Sup Shop. He introduced thousands of people to his love of the ocean through this accessible water sport, and was always generous with his time, resources and skills with anyone who showed interest.

He was instrumental in facilitating and building Stand Up Paddleboarding as a team building, social activity, and found it a great way to network with everyone on the water.

Mike played a huge role in starting the Santa Monica Pier Paddle and Ocean Festival, one of the largest water sports events on the West Coast.

A true waterman, Mike competed on a national level in Stand Up Paddleboard racing, eventually cracking the top 5 in his class. He would jump off his board to try to catch sharks with his bare hands. He paddled from San Pedro to Catalina, ran a marathon, then paddled back. He competed in the San Diego Bay to Bay 20 mile race in 10 ft swells during a winter storm. He never quit.

Mike was always the first to go out and the last to come in. He was always the guy who caught the biggest wave, surfed closest to the rock, and got stuffed in the deepest tube.

Most of all, he had a passion for sharing his love of sports and this infected everyone around him.

Mike Vaughan is survived by his wife Jennifer, son Cole, father Mike Vaughn Sr, mother Linda, brother Matt and sisters Diana, Christine and many nieces and nephews.

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PADDLE: Mike was known throughout the paddleboard community and he spent much of his free time on the water.

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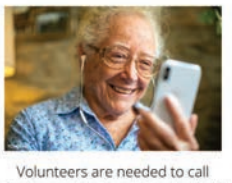
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PUBLIC SAFETY REFORM

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running quickly without any further Council action. Interested community members have until this evening, June 29 to apply via a form on the City website. Who should apply?

The application suggests needed debate won't be short-cut: "Advisory Committee members should bring relevant knowledge and expertise as residents, advocates for racial justice and/or public safety reform, business owners, law enforcement officers or experts, mental health providers or experts, and/or social services providers or experts."

Following this information gathering process, the advisory committee will "make recommendations to the Interim City Manager regarding (1) reforms to SMPD use of force policies to ensure best practices for policies, training, and application of force are followed, and (2) changes that should be made to the City's budget, informed by calls for divest / invest strategies, to better achieve public safety and well-being for all in our community."

This all follows City Council adoption on June 9th of a commitment to "Creating a Black Agenda to address systemic racism in Santa Monica" and to the Council's signing onto the Obama Pledge and an exploration of "8CantWait" reforms designed to address police use of force policies.

Of course for meaningful and lasting reform to occur, those most impacted need to play a central and leading role in exploring solutions. In response to the Council directions of June 9, Dilg has already begun meeting with local Black community leaders. It was from those interactions that the germ of the idea to establish the advisory committee formed in Dilg's mind, to ensure all key stakeholders are closely involved in the process. Dilg also envisions holding a town hall together with other ongoing public outreach before returning to the City Council with recommendations.

If this process of reimagining public safety in our community is going to be successful and long-lasting, it will need to have collective input and buy-in. But to accomplish this collectively, we are going to have to better understand each other as individuals, and in our various roles and identities as human beings. Those various identities are our richness, but tragically have too often been used to divide us in often horrific, unjust and violent ways.

As we confront historic and ongoing racism and inequities in our society, there are going to be some difficult moments. That will be a good thing and tell us we are on the right path. It's not clear where that path will lead. But it appears our community is seizing a once-in-several-generations opportunity to get there.

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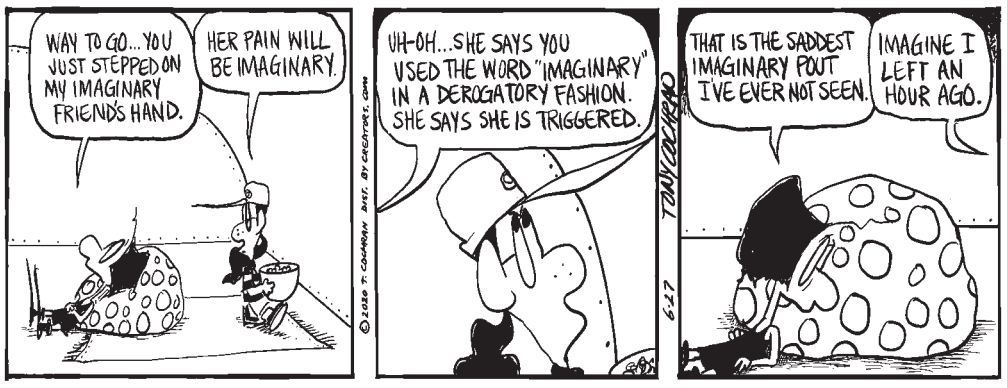
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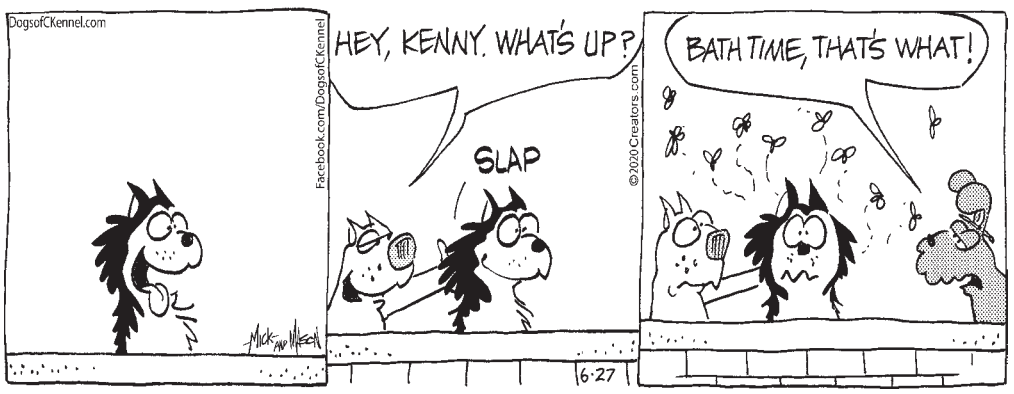
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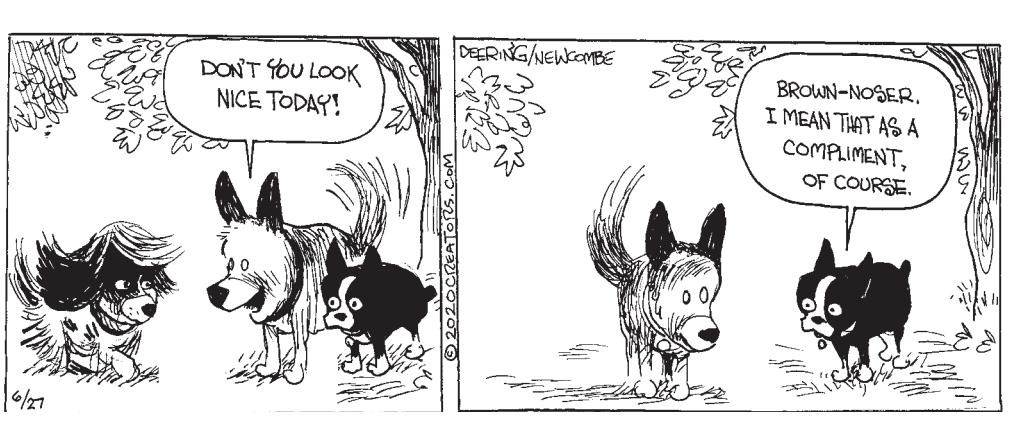
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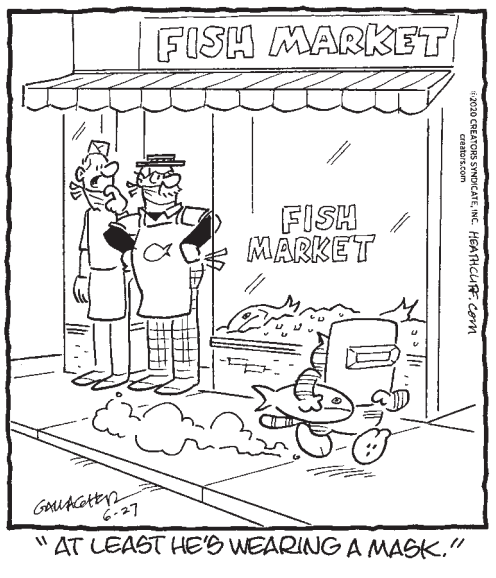
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 65.1°

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Small new SSW swell slowly builds. Clean but likely slow in the AM

SUNDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Waist to stomach high
Modest SSW swell. Minor NW windswell.

WEATHER

Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 71.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.
Sunday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 71.
Sunday Night: Patchy fog after midnight. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.
Monday: Patchy fog before noon. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 65.
Monday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.
Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 69.

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/06/27	Sat	01:56 AM	4.63	H
2020/06/27	Sat	09:03 AM	0.20	L
2020/06/27	Sat	4:09 PM	4.54	H
2020/06/27	Sat	10:00 PM	2.31	L
2020/06/28	Sun	03:19 AM	4.04	H
2020/06/28	Sun	09:57 AM	0.63	L
2020/06/28	Sun	4:57 PM	5.00	H
2020/06/28	Sun	11:28 PM	1.65	L
2020/06/29	Mon	04:53 AM	3.65	H
2020/06/29	Mon	10:52 AM	1.04	L
2020/06/29	Mon	5:43 PM	5.49	H
2020/06/30	Tue	12:38 AM	0.85	L
2020/06/30	Tue	06:23 AM	3.52	H
2020/06/30	Tue	11:44 AM	1.40	L
2020/06/30	Tue	6:28 PM	5.96	H
2020/07/01	Wed	01:36 AM	0.07	L
2020/07/01	Wed	07:41 AM	3.58	H
2020/07/01	Wed	12:35 PM	1.69	L

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Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 06/25
7 8 19 28 39

Daily 3
Draw Date: 06/25
Evening: 6 1 5
Draw Date: 06/25
Midday: 0 6 5

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Draw Date: 06/25
1st: 10 - SOLID GOLD
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3rd: 01 - GOLD RUSH
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JUNE 27)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). What drops into your life doesn't need to be labeled "right" or "wrong" just yet. For now call it, "what's happening," and know that you'll make more sense of it on a later day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A million people could see the very same thing you see today and have a different view of it than you. Your unique point of view will allow you a discovery or invention.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There is no end to what an excellent team can accomplish today. So what makes an excellent team? Diversity, communication and a deep commitment to a common aim.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). As is typical of your water sign nature, the very same thing that makes you feel cleansed can also, in larger quantities, have you overwhelmed and carried away. Luckily, today you'll be able to control the flow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Secrets tend to hide in plain view. They will be discovered readily by the people who most want to know. Many are too self-involved to understand the thrill of deciphering puzzles. Not you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll give second chances out of generosity and also because it's easier than starting over with someone new. Furthermore, it's what you would want were the situation reversed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The truth has power. It speaks to the gut and brings about emotional responses like laughter, tears and experiences of profundity. You'll feel this today as you witness and tell the truth.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Aligning to the belief systems of those around you is a survival mechanism. Sometimes, the right answer is hard to see because everyone around is agreeing to the wrong answer. But don't worry; things are shifting.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The Norse deity Thor threw his hammer and caused lightning and thunder. You will create electricity and make noise by throwing down your powerful charisma.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Like a roller-coaster, this day has highs, lows and occasional screams. As you take the ride, know that you are safe and that, ultimately, this is supposed to be fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your opener may seem humble and unimpressive, but that's because you're still setting things up. You're a strategist at heart and, like a chess master, you're already working several moves ahead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be a tremendous help. Get compensated for this, not necessarily with money, but with something that matters to you. And if you don't feel valued unless you are fixing a problem, then there's a bigger problem to handle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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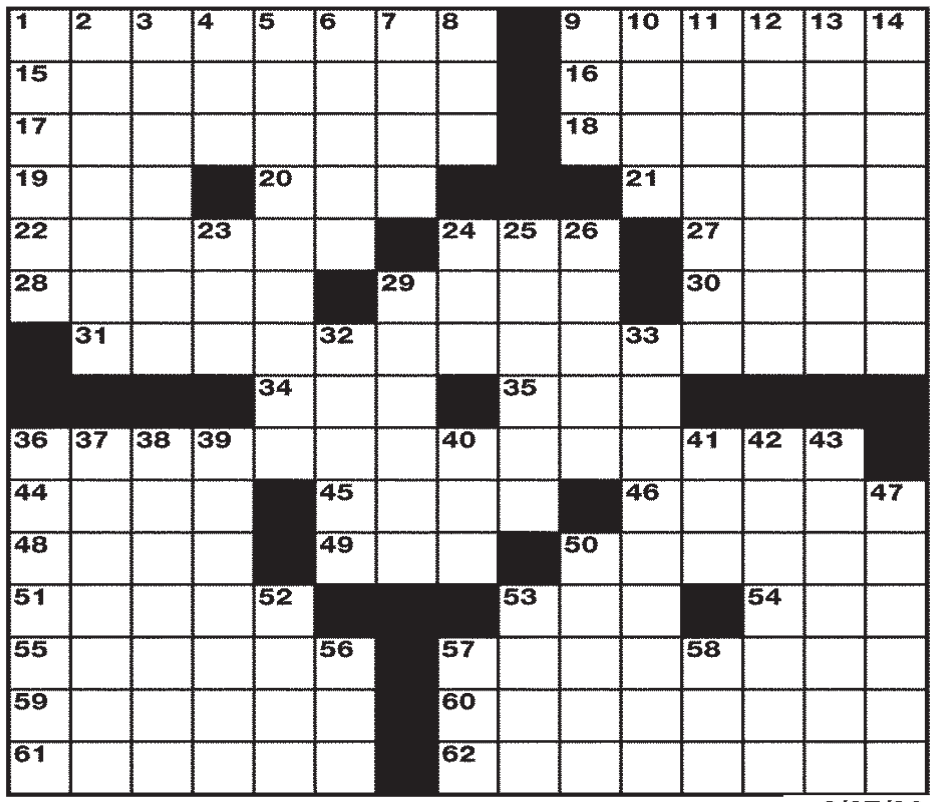
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Lester Ruff
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ACROSS
1 Familiarize (oneself)
9 Way out
15 Toll road alternative
16 *Courage to Change* seller
17 Not readily shared
18 Benefit of exercise
19 Common core
20 *Monarca hereditaria*
21 Latter-day chickpea product
22 Nearly all bananas, to botanists
24 __ Things Considered (bird blog)
27 Ruckus
28 Pop __
29 Motive for a negative opinion
30 Big buzzing beast in *Futurama*
31 Accidental
34 See 24 Down
35 Extremity indicator
36 Sound advice from a decorator
44 Buffet servers
45 Former IndyCar apparel provider
46 "The __ Administration" (*Hamilton* tune)
48 Determination
49 It's had OMG since 2011
50 Hymnal praise
51 Square
53 '80s mile-run record holder
54 Antonym of "exciting"
55 eBook ancestor
57 Myanmar's second city
59 Something shown or paved
60 Subject to restraint
61 *Treasure Island* assent
62 To spare

DOWN
1 Facet
2 Science Olympiad setting
3 Get-it-over-with-quick
4 People, so to speak
5 Frond features
6 They'll get into your dinner
7 In order
8 QANTAS hub
9 Get into your dinner
10 Zero-star dinner
11 Game Goldfinger cheats at
12 Carrey's *Bruce Almighty* girlfriend
13 Caption anagram
14 Alert to take a defensive position
23 Vowelless Scrabble play
24 With 34 Across, train hobbyist's buy
25 Opening announcement
26 Product name not derived from 56 Down
29 Economic incentive for innovation
32 Spanish word for "courtyard"
33 Completed an accounting
36 City on the Savannah
37 Nut butter descriptor
38 Cue from a quarterback
39 Ship now an L.A. maritime museum
40 Creature swallowed by crocodiles
41 Way to 47 Down
42 Universal Studios D'oh-nuts seller
43 Any of seven members of a UN member
47 Consent
50 Cable car signals
52 Follower of fair, foul or free
53 City near the English Channel
56 pH adjuster in cosmetics
57 Test in a tube
58 Endeavoring to be



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Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
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HATE SPEECH

FROM PAGE 1

because I wanted to take it down since I don't want people to see it," Miller said in an interview earlier this week. "I try to peel it down, but it won't come off. Before covering it though, I call the cops to see if they would need it to not be covered to make a report. I didn't expect them to go out and chase the guy but I wanted to have the data and so they could use it to discern if there's a trend going on."

Admitting she didn't remember the exact phrasing of the conversation, Miller said the incident didn't seem to warrant extra attention from the officer on the phone while she explained how she was standing in front of a swastika and other potential hate symbols on city utility boxes. After some back and forth on the threshold of hate speech and vandalism, Miller ended the call frustrated and went to cover the symbols herself.

And while heading home towards Broadway and 11th, she found more hate symbols on a similar utility box.

"I called the police back as soon as I found the second box with the swastika," Miller said, detailing how she soon deciphered the same officer she had spoken to before hadn't recorded her encounter with the other swastika, hexagram and equal sign just minutes before. "What's upsetting is there wasn't a report the first time. That's really upsetting because if I call you with one report and you don't write it down, then a shift change happens and somebody else calls; now, you have two incidents that clearly show a trend but the police would have no idea because they didn't record when residents complained."

Earlier this month, in celebration of LGBTQ Pride Month, the congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church hung a transgender rights and "Philadelphia Flag," which includes black and brown stripes in solidarity with black and brown lives, in addition to the traditional rainbow stripes, according to Rev. James Boline, who described how the local church has become very involved with the LGBTQ community in recent years thanks to an internship program it offers.

The flags were supposed to celebrate Santa Monica's Pride event that was recently canceled due to Covid-19, Boline said, but only a few hours after the church agreed to hang a Black Lives Matter banner alongside the Pride flags, "somebody came over and, clearly, tore and ripped them down with such a force that the pipe they were hanging on is sitting up there split as well," Boline added. "So they apparently ripped it down with quite a bit of force." He said they didn't steal the flags. They were just thrown in a heap on the ground.

Boline said he used the department's website to file an incident report but he has received no updates as of Thursday.

SMPD Lt. Joseph Cortez said Friday the department is still catching up to the massive amount of online reports that have come in due to COVID-19 and the May 31 events.

"If they haven't gotten the call. If they have not gotten a call back yet," Cortez said, "I guarantee that they will get one this week, because the chief has placed a high priority on making sure that we are getting back to everybody who is filing an online report."

Cortez said Friday the department is investigating the racist graffiti.

"But instead of simply putting it to the side, our detective bureau was already holding monthly meetings with the Anti-Defamation League so because they have the leads on at least one of them. They're hoping that the partnerships they have with the FBI, the ADL will help us put some pieces together and start to find out who did this; was it random or was it connected to something?" Cortez added, mentioning the department is also asking residents and businesses to share any closed circuit TV videos they may have of the incidents.

"It is not just a swastika. At this time, in our country and in our community, it represents much more than some symbol in sharpie, so this is something that we need to make sure that our intelligence and our partners know about," Cortez said. That's why we're sharing this information because we want to ensure that this isn't something bigger than one person who has a horrible ideology or mindset."

Boline said at first he thought of the destruction as nothing more than vandalism. "But we have a member of the congregation who is a captain for the Los Angeles Fire Department and he just said we should call the police on this because this is more than vandalism. This is a symbol, a beloved symbol of the LGBTQ+ community, that is on display on a building of faith, and he said this really feels more like a hate crime because it was removed so forcefully. And with it happening in Pride Month and very soon after the (George Floyd) demonstrations, there's a lot of confluence."

Professor Shelly Tochluk, who recently gave a presentation at a conference held by the Committee for Racial Justice, agreed with Boline's statement.

"For sure, these are all hateful acts," Tochluk said in an interview Thursday, "but it's important to note there are levels to hate."

As she detailed in her recent presentation, sometimes actions like these are done by a young teenager who's simply trying to cause a reaction and find attention. Other times, it's somebody who is deeply immersed in white nationalist ideologies.

"It's hard to know either way in scenarios like (the ones happening in Santa Monica)," Tochluk said, "but we can say this is definitely happening more than it has in the past. And since it's playing out online, our youth are very exposed because there are people out there who intentionally want to cause harm and instill fear while sharing their deeply anti-semitic ideologies."

As she mentioned how instances of hate are becoming more prevalent in the community, Miller wonders why there was such a lag in responding to the hateful actions, "especially during this time in history. "

"It's yet another instance and example of why the police need to be defunded. If they can't know they need to report every instance of hate speech, there's no fixing that," Miller said. "You need task forces to address these specific things."

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PLAZA PROJECT

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Manager earlier this year rather than face the consequences of massive budget cuts imposed by the coronavirus crisis. Cole said at the time that he would step aside to facilitate the restructuring of the city and he negotiated an exit package worth more than $250,000. City Attorney Lane Dilg was chosen as his interim replacement.

The Plaza project has been underway for more than 10 years, including several years of development under Cole's watch.

In February of this year, before Cole left, Dilg recommended the city suspend negotiations with the developer after state regulators expanded the scope of California's Surplus Land Act.

The law requires public land to be prioritized for development of affordable housing and in February, Dilg said her office proactively reached out to state lawmakers to ask for clarification about the Plaza project.

Dilg has since become City Manager and this month state regulators issued an exemption for the project but critics provided an independent legal analysis, paid for by Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City, that questioned whether the State's ruling would withstand a court challenge.

"The developer's agreement with the city to negotiate over this property expired years ago, but the developer wants to pretend that the agreement is still in force, even though for more than four years Council has not been asked to approve any agreement extending negotiations. These arguments fundamentally misrepresent the law regarding contracts between public entities and private developers: City Council approval was required to extend the agreement. That approval was never requested. Therefore, there is no valid agreement that exempts the City from complying with the Surplus Land Act," said Beverly Palmer, Esq., with Strumwasser and Woocher

Council was scheduled to discuss the project this month but the item was postponed to a July meeting.

Cole said the project has taken too long to come to fruition and in the meantime, economic and cultural forces have made it obsolete.

He said changes brought on by the pandemic make it unlikely the Plaza will be profitable, or even buildable, in the future.

"The reality is that the project components that are supposed to drive profits that can be shared by the City (retail, office and hotel) are all highly speculative not just in this moment, but going forward," he wrote. "People will continue to shop, work and travel. But there is strong evidence that changes accelerated by the pandemic will mean an oversupply of retail, office and hotel space for the foreseeable future. The cost of constructing the building's unique design means that these new entrants will have to command a premium in a soft market. There is serious question about whether this project will get financed, let alone generate consistent long-term profits to subsidize programmed public space, cultural uses and substantial City revenue."

He said the actual project had also devolved over the years and criticized the lack of affordable housing on site, over abundance of parking, quality of the design and the current developer group.

Instead, he advocated for a more housing dense project.

"A project at this important site should consist of a well-designed public space that can be programmed and administered to avoid the problems at nearby Reed Park; a mix of housing types that prioritizes affordable housing and includes moderate income units to provide workforce housing in a jobs rich location; and potentially a hotel to assist in the project's financial viability and contribute to City revenue to support vital community service (sited on City-owned land, such a hotel could incorporate the Council's desires for workforce protections for low-income workers)," he wrote. "Such a project should incorporate these uses in compliance with the Downtown Community Plan and reflect the plan's common sense urban design principles which are more consequential than fleeting perceptions of 'iconic' architecture."

Council's next meeting is scheduled for July 14.

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